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**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 3/February, through Sunday, 10/February there were 242 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3C, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T31, T32, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TI9, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/g, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

**5U, NIGER.** The Italian team is now active **through February 18th**. Callsigns seen so far are: **5U6W** (6m station), **5U1A**, **5U4R** and **5U8B**. Activity is expected to be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31. QSL via I2YSB. For more details, check the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/niger-2002/>

**7Q, MALAWI.** Harry, G0JUM, is expected to be active as **7Q7HB** around **February 17th**. The length of his stay and bands/modes of operations are unknown at this time. QSL via G0IAS.

**C6, BAHAMAS.** Mike/WA2VUN and Gene/K2KJI will be heading for the Grand Bahamas on Monday, **February 11th**. They are expected to have two stations active and set up in two separate condos. Mike will operate as **C6AJF** and Gene as **C6ALC**. This will be a family vacation, so operating time will be limited. Simple wire antennas will be used, and Mike will have a go at it on 6 meters with a 6 meter dipole. QSL via home calls direct or via the bureau.

**DXCC NEWS.** Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Manager, reports: "**3V8GI** (Tunisia) has been on hold awaiting supporting documentation. This has been received, and upon review, it is now being accepted for DXCC credit. Anyone who had this rejected during a recent submission can contact DXCC at [ [dxcc@arrl.org](mailto:dxcc@arrl.org) ] for an update to their record. Or, it can be sent with the next submission for credit."

**EA8, CANARY ISLANDS.** Axel, DL5SDK, will be active as **EA8/DL5SDK**, **March 17-22nd**. Activity will be on 14300, 21350 and 28400 kHz using only a 100 watts into a 3 element tri-band beam. QSL via the bureau.

**EP, IRAN (Update to OPDX.547).** Ghis, ON5NT, informs OPDX that he talked to **EP3UN** on 20m SSB (February 10th, 1600z ). This is Stig, LA7JO, who just got his own callsign. Stig has operated recently on CW from EP3PTT. EP3PTT (CW QSOs by Stig) and EP3UN are QSLed via LA7JO. Stig will be out of the country in about 2 days for a five weeks mission. He should be back in Teheran by the **end of March** and will stay for **another 3 months**. Stig said he would be active as much as possible on different bands with his new callsign when he gets back.

**H40, TEMOTU PROVINCE (Update).** Babs/DL7AFS and Lot/DJ7ZG, currently active as **H44LB** and **H44ZG**, will be active as **H40T** from Temotu starting around the **11th of February** until the **2nd of March**. Also, Stefan, DL2GAC, will be joining their group now. QSL for this activity will go via DL7AFS. For any up-to-date news, watch their home page at: <http://www.qsl.net/dl7afs/> QSL to DL7AFS via the DARC or direct to: Baerbel Linge, Eichwaldstr. 86, D-34123 Kassel, Germany. Remember, that 2 USD or 1 (new IRC) is needed for airmail postage!

## **IOTA NEWS.....**

- **AS-049.** Look for **JO1EPY/6** on **Tokara Archipelago**, from **March 9-11th**. Activity is expected on 10-40 meters CW and SSB. Look for him on the normal IOTA frequencies. QSL via their home calls either direct or via the bureau.
- **EU-016.** Ivan, ZS6IL (formerly ZS6ILU), will be active from the **Islands of Brac** (IOCA-010) and Hvar (IOCA-028) between around **February 10th** through **early March**. He will operate SSB and possibly RTTY and PSK31 as well.
- **NA-213.** Several members of the Magnolia DX Association will once again activate **Dauphin Island**, AL (U.S. Islands AL-002S). They plan to be active around 2200z Friday, **March 8th**, until Monday, **March 11th**. They have been issued a special event callsign **W4D** for the trip. Their activity will be around the clock on all bands and modes. However, they plan a special emphasis on RTTY and the WARC bands since there has not been as much of this type of activity from the island. QSL via W5UE CBA or bureau. For more details, check the MDXA Web site at: <http://mdxa.org>
- **SA-002.** Less, GM3ITN, member of the Diamond DX Club, will be on the **Falklands Islands** around **June 15th**. He will be active as **VP8ITN** from **Saunders Island** in the

West Falklands Islands for about **1 week**. QSL via GM3ITN: Less Hamilton, Halls Land Hardgate, Clydebank, GLASGOW G81 6NR, SCOTLAND - U.K. His Web site is at: <http://www.website.lioneone.net/~gm3itn/>

- **SA-019**. UPDATE to OPDX.548! The team of PT2GTI, PT2HF and PP2RON going to **Archipelago de Abrolhos** (DIB: 12, DFB: BA-14, WLH: LH-0463) between **February 16-22nd**, will now use the callsign **PW6AI** (not PY0AI as first reported). Activity will be on 80-6 meters on the following frequencies:

**SSB** - 50105, 28460, 21260, 14260, 7055 and 3755 kHz  
**CW** - 50105, 28040, 21040, 14040, 7025 and 3530 kHz.

QSL via PT2GTI: Roberto F. Stuckert, QI 07, Conj. 12, Casa 14, 71515-120, Brasilia-DF, Brasil

- **SA-070**. Juan Pablo, CE4USW, one of the **XR5SM** team, reports that again they will be on **Santa Maria Island** during **February**. If you need it, send an E-mail to him at: [ce4usw@qsl.net](mailto:ce4usw@qsl.net) Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/ce4usw/>
- **SA-080**. BAD NEWS! Mark, CE6TBN, informs OPDX that the Chilean Park Administration will close the National Park "**Damas Island**" on February 28th. They usually close the island down every year on March 15th, but this year they changed the date. Mark states he is VERY angry with them. However, he will go to southern Chile and will be on the air activating several IOTAs (No dates or location yet).

**J7, GRENADA**. Don, K2KQ, will be active as **J37ZA** between **February 10-20th**. He will be active in the **ARRL DX CW Contest** as a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry.

**JD1, OGASAWARA AND MINAMI TORISHIMA (FYI!)**. Yoshi, JE2EHP, informed the DX community that **JM1KNI/JD1** has been operating from **Ogasawara**, and as far as he is aware, there are no active hams on Minami Torishima (another JD1) presently. Minami Torishima is a restricted area only for the Meteorological Agency and the Self-Defense Force. He states, "So we just have to wait for some hams related to those two organizations to land on the island. Let's keep our fingers crossed!"

**KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY**. Don, W4ZYT, informs OPDX that as of now, the planned Guantanamo Bay operation by the Virginia DX Century Club appears to be a go. They will be there from February 12-20th, and should be operational **February 12-19th**, with participation in the **ARRL CW DX Contest**. Activity will be on all bands and modes, including PSK-31. The operators are: Don W4ZYT/**KG4ZK**, O.B. W4SD/**KG4SD**, Chuck N8CH/**KG4NW**, Gordon KU4EC/**KG4EC**, and Chet N6ZO/**KG4??**. They will use the VaDXCC Club Callsign **KG4DZ** in the contest. Please QSL via the individual stations. QSL KG4DZ via W4SD. Bureau cards are fine, but should go via the individual operator's HOME CALL BUREAU as there is no longer a KG4 Bureau.

**KH4, MIDWAY ISLAND (Another Cancelled Op)**. Rudi/DL7VFR and Tom/DL2RUM have announced that their planned trip to Midway in March is now **cancelled** once again. This is due to the reason mentioned in last week's bulletin that all scheduled flights to and from the island have been cancelled. This means that the island is "out of range" for low budget operation and individuals need to charter their own ship/aircraft now. DL2RUM will try to go to ZK2 during that time, DL7VFR might stay on KH6.

**MM0, SCOTLAND**. Leo, W3LEO, will once again be active from **Portpatrick** in southwest

Scotland from about **February 25th through March 28th**. His callsign will be **MM0LEO**, and he plans to be in the **ARRL International DX SSB Contest**. He will use an Icom 706 (100 watts), an R-5 vertical [10, 12, 15, 17, 20 meters], and a 40-meter dipole [in inverted-V configuration]. QSL via W3LEO. Reference Numbers are: Grid Square - IO-74ku; Worked All Britain [WAB] Square - NW-95; CQ Zone - 14; ITU Zone - 27 and IOTA - EU-005 [Great Britain]. LEO'S ADDED NOTES: The nearby pub is only about 35 or so steps from the front door of the cottage. Some URLs to check: Moir Cottage [MM0LEO's QTH]: <http://www.moir-cottage.co.uk/> Harbour House [the pub's location]: <http://www.harbourhouse.co.uk/>

## **NEW CLUB OFFICERS.....**

- The **Order of Boiled Owls of New York**, a DX/Contesting club in the New York City metropolitan area, is pleased to announce the following club officers for 2002:

President: Tony Japha, N2UN  
Vice President: Les Kalmus, W2LK  
Secretary: Dennis McAlpine, K2SX  
Treasurer: Andy Bodony, K2LE  
Activities Manager: Larry Amodeo, W2AX

If you would like any additional information, please contact: Dennis McAlpine, K2SX, (914)-472-0745; dennis.mcalpine@verizon.net; 12 Ridgecrest East, Scarsdale, NY 10583

- The **South Florida DX Association (SFDXA)** announces its officers for 2002. They are:

President: W2CQ, Bill Marx  
Vice President: W4DTA, Steve Romagni  
Secretary: W4PJI, Richard 'Gil' Gillingham  
Treasurer: K4WJ, John Bohnovic  
Board of Directors:  
W4UM, Mike Raskin  
W4QN, Norm Alexander  
W4BP, Ron Swanson  
W4DN, Dave Novoa, Past President

The election results were announced at the 42nd Miami Tropical Hamboree, SFDXA DX Forum.

**P5, NORTH KOREA**. According to the KK5DO Web site, Ed, **P5/4F4LN**, will be off the air for approximately 2 weeks while on an inspection tour of the World Food Program field offices. For updates, stay tuned to the Web page: <http://www.amsatnet.com/P5.HTML>

**PIRATE ALERT**. Dennis, ZS4BS, informs OPDX that all contacts with **7Q8/ZS6GH** and **C9/ZS6GH** are **null and void**. No licences were issued for these operations.

**PJ2, NETHERLAND ANTILLES**. Look for operators Geoff/W0CG, Elmer/W8AV, Tom/W8TK, Noel/W9EFL, Stephen/N8LGP and Anthony/N7BG to be active as **PJ2/homecall** from **Curacao, February 12-19th**. QSL via their home callsign. They will also participate in the **ARRL DX CW Contest** as **PJ2T**. QSL via N9AG.

**PJ7, ST. MAARTEN**. Brian, KD2DL, will be active as **PJ7/KD2DL** from the Dutch side of St. Maarten, **March 2-9th**. Activity will be on 17 meters CW centered around 18080 kHz. He will be using QRP equipment from the ARRL's W1FB QRP classic designs and the RAM's

(K9LY/KB9II) QRP club project. QSL to his home callsign.

**PW0, TRINDADE.** Just a quick reminder that next week the Araucaria DX Group, with unprecedented cooperation from the Brazilian authorities and Navy, will sponsor a major DXpedition to Trindade and Martin Vaz Archipelago, **February 18th through March 2nd.** Trindade and Martin Vaz Archipelago currently appears near the top of the "Most Wanted" lists. Operations on 160 through 6 meters, including the WARC bands, will include RTTY, PSK31, and SSTV. Amateur satellite activity is uncertain at this time. Special planning will insure that the low bands and 6 meters are activated with appropriate antennas and experienced operators dedicated to beating the challenges these bands offer. Additional details regarding the DXpedition will be reported next week, or go their official website at: <http://www.Trindade2002.com> The team received very short notice of the departure date, therefore, intense preparations are underway. The group anticipates total expenses in the area of 20,000 USD and is still looking financial support and contributions which can be sent via mail to: Dennis Motschenbacher K7BV, 4357 Appollonio Way Carson City, NV 89704

### **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- Christian, DL6KAC, reports that QSL cards for the activation of the Helios Tower (FED-107) in Cologne (ILLW 2001 / **DN2EI, DN1KAV, DL0OV**) are expected from the printer at the end of February. There were several delays, and he apologizes for that. When the cards arrive, all direct cards will be answered immediately. All other cards go via the bureau.
- Activity by **AN9NA** in the CQ WW WPX RTTY from Rockie should be QSLed via the QSL Manager EA9CD: Jose Antonio Rios Mendez, P. Box: 2078, CP:51080 CEUTA (Spain).
- Alain, F6BFH, reports he received a very quick turn around from AI3D for a **KC4/N3SIG** (AN-011) QSL.
- Romeo, UN5PR/UP5P, informs OPDX that as of February 1st the old type of IRC will NOT be accepted in **Kazakhstan**. Please send ONLY NEW type of IRCs to Kazakhstan. Romeo states he can't exchange the old IRC at his post office.

**SPECIAL EVENT (Winter Olympics).** The West Desert Amateur Radio Club will sponsor special event station **W7U** to commemorate the **2002 Winter Olympics Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.** Look for W7U to be on the air now through February 24th. Suggested frequencies are on or around: 3768, 14250, 21300 and 28400 kHz. QSL to W7EO: PO Box 98, Grantsville, UT 84029.

**SPECIAL EVENT.** Look for members of the Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club to activate special event station **VI3GP** from **Melbourne, Victoria**, Australia, between the period of 0001z on **February 26th** until 2359z on **March 15th.** The station is being activated to commemorate the running of the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix in Melbourne. QSL direct via VK3ER at P.O. Box 87, MITCHAM VICTORIA 3132, or via bureau.

**SPECIAL EVENT.** The Midlands Amateur Radio Club will be operating another in the series of special event stations during the weekend of the **3rd, 4th and 5th of May** to commemorate the roles played by the British, Boers and brave Zulus during the "Anglo Boer South African War of 1899-1902". The callsign will be **ZS100ABW.** Two separate stations will be operating (mainly on phone) from Lancaster Hill, Vryheid in **KwaZulu Natal**, South Africa, from



approximately 1600 (h) on the Friday and closing down early on the Sunday morning when a "Remembrance Service" will be held in recognition of those who lost their lives in the "Battle of Holkrans". The preferred bands will be 40 and 20 meters with 80 meters during the evenings depending on prevailing conditions. All contacts will be acknowledged with an attractive QSL card. Please QSL either via the Bureau or to Midlands Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 100220, Scottsville, 3209, South Africa direct. They will also be operating a final station from Spiokenkop - scene of one of the bloodiest battles fought to relieve Ladysmith - on 31st May. Any queries can be directed to Willie Axford, ZS5WI by E-mail to: [zs5wi@iafrica.com](mailto:zs5wi@iafrica.com) Or by telephone to 035 - 4744667. Alternatively, you can write to either Errol Wilson or the Chairman at the above address. For more information of a historical nature, E-mail Sean Friend at: [seanfriend@dorea.co.za](mailto:seanfriend@dorea.co.za)

**TI9, COCOS ISLAND.** Just a reminder that the TI9M DXpedition will begin next weekend (**February 17th through March 4th**). Rob, N4CD, informs OPDX that everything is a go. The DXpedition team includes: TI2HMG, AD6E, AK0A, F5CWU, KA0KKO, KI7WO, N4CD, N6KT, N7DF, PA3EWP, PA5ET, RA9CO, RN3BZ, WS4Y and IZ7ATN. Activity will be on 160-6 meters including the WARC bands on CW/SSB/RTTY. Five stations will be operating from a location in the **Chatham Bay** area. One of the five stations will be dedicated for RTTY operation and another for 6 meters. QSL via AK0A: Bill Boeckenhaupt, 8904 Westbrooke Dr, Overland Park, KS 66212, USA). Updates and details can be found on their Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/ti9m/>

**V7, MARSHALL ISLAND.** Look for Jim, W7UG, to be active this week as **V73UG** from **Kwajalein**. He is expected to be active in the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th)**. Before the contest (**February 11-15th**), he will concentrate on the WARC bands. QSL via home callsign.

**VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update).** According to a press release on February 5th, the international team of operators included G4EDG, JH7OHF, JJ1LIB, JP1TRJ, K3NA, VK4DH, VK4GL, VK4WR, VK4APG and ZL4PO. The DXpedition is set to take place **April 12-22nd**. They will have 5 stations operating on all bands 160-6 meters (including WARC) on CW, SSB and some RTTY. A station and an operator (VK4APG) will be dedicated on 6 meters. They would like to acknowledge Yaesu, The Chiltern DX Club, 5 Star DXers Association, BT Exact Technologies and PCA.AA in helping activate Mellish Reef. Visit the VK9ML website at: <http://www.qsl.net/vk9ml/2002/>

**VP8GEO.** Reportedly went QRT ON February 4th around 1200Z.

**XE, MEXICO.** Lothar, DJ4ZB, will be active from **Puebla** as **XE1/DJ4ZB** from **February 12-28th**. No details on bands/modes of operation were provided.

**YA, AFGHANISTAN (YA5T Update).** Robert, S53R, reports: "YA5T is back on the air since 30th of January, running only 100W and R7 vertical. 80 and 160 will be very difficult due to space restrictions, but we will try to do something. We also face problems on 30m band, with extremely nasty local noise. Due to heavy workload only evenings (after 1300 or 1400 zulu) are suitable for us. Now that we are 2 here (S53R and ON4WW) we may find some more time even during the night times. Pile-ups are huge. So far some 4000 CW-only QSOs were made. Mostly EU, some JA and just a few hundred US. E U R O P E !!! Please give a chance to US guys. When we say US only, please do not break in. Path from US to YA is extremely difficult,

openings short and signals marginal. All EU guys stand a very good chance of working us, but for Ws, things are much different, and the more we go into spring the harder it will be for them. Once again-show a great deal of ham-spirit and let them work us too! There were quite a few slims heard during the past week. To make sure you can check if you are in the log, we will try and make arrangements to put the logs on the web. Be patient."

**YZ, YUGOSLAVIA.** Members of the Radio Club in Novi Beograd, "Radio Sekcija Kozara", YU1AAV, will be active in the **ARRL DX CW Contest** as **YZ1V** as a Multi Op/All Bands/Single Transmitter entry. Operators will be: YZ1ZV, YT1HA and 4N1FAN. QSL via: RC "Novi Beograd", Radio Sekcija "Kozara", Juriša Gagarina 210-p, YU-11070 Novi Beograd, Serbia, Yugoslavia. QSLs via bureau are OK.

**ZY0, ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL ROCKS.** Joaquim, PS7JN, is planning a new DXpedition to Saint Peter and Saint Paul Archipelago, and he will be active as **ZY0SAT** from **February 23rd through March 10th** (dates may change). As of now, he confirms that he will only operate on SSB on the HF bands (40/20/15/10m) with an ATLAS 210X (split mode listening 5 kHz up) using only 10-50 watts into a dipole antenna. His activity will be limited to his spare time because he is on a geological survey of the islets. He will be going with 2 geology students to help in researches. His intent was to operate on the satellite and digital modes (packet, RTTY, SSTV and PSK31) but his equipment needs some repair (a notebook without floppy and hard disk drive). Joaquim is looking for anyone who has a FDD, HDD and a modem to donate to him on this DXpedition (and future op). QSL to PS7JN: Joaquim das Virgens, Rua Carlos Serrano, 1969, CEP 59076-740 Natal-RN, Brazil.

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